



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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FOLLOW-UP ON COP8 DECISIONS: ADDITIONAL SCIENTIFIC COUNCILLORS (RES. 8.21)

1. Article VIII.2 of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) stipulates that the Scientific Council of the Convention shall include as members, in addition to members appointed by individual Parties, qualified experts selected and appointed by the Conference of the Parties.
2. The 8th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP8) to CMS (Nairobi, 20-25 November 2005) agreed “*the appointment of three additional Conference-appointed councillors for (i) African fauna, (ii) fish and (iii) by-catch, whose selection shall be confirmed by the Standing Committee at its next meeting, following the Secretariat’s invitation to Parties to nominate appropriate candidates*” (Res. 8.21, para. 7).
3. Accordingly, following the convening of the 31st meeting of the CMS Standing Committee in Bonn on 28-29 September 2006 the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Standing Committee, wrote to all CMS Focal Points on 20 July 2006, seeking nominations for candidates for the task of Conference-appointed councillors for the topics mentioned in Res. 8.21. The deadline set for the transmission of nominations to the Secretariat is 15 September 2006. Nominations should be accompanied by a CV of the candidate, as well as a declaration by the candidate expressing his/her readiness to accept the appointment if selected. Nominations received by the deadline will be compiled by the Secretariat in an addendum to the present document, for the consideration of the members of the Standing Committee.
4. Candidates should be internationally recognised experts in the field which they are proposed to cover as appointed councillor. Considering that Conference-appointed councillors are usually called to coordinate and/or chair working groups at Scientific Council meetings, normally operating in English without simultaneous interpretation, a good command of English is considered necessary to efficiently undertake the task. Knowledge of other working languages of the Council should be considered an asset.

Action requested:

In accordance with the mandate given to it by COP8, the Standing Committee is expected to:

- Select the new Conference-appointed councillors for (i) African fauna, (ii) fish and (iii) by-catch, from among the candidates proposed by the Parties; and
- In case no suitable candidate can be identified for some of the new Conference-appointed councillor positions, decide on a procedure for the further search and selection of candidates for the unfilled positions.

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